

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM NEVADA WEBIZ



NEVADA WEBIZ CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY POLICY

The Nevada Immunization Registry, Nevada WebIZ, is a confidential, web-based immunization information system administered by the Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Immunization Program. Nevada WebIZ collects and selectively discloses to authorized entities information about the identity, demographics, primary health care provider and vaccination history of persons in the State of Nevada. These records can be retrieved, reviewed and updated for the purpose of providing immunization services and immunization-related assessment, referral and inventory management.

The purpose of the Nevada Immunization Registry is to consolidate immunization information among health care providers in the State, ensure adequate immunization levels, and to avoid duplicate or unnecessary immunizations. Providers use the registry data to monitor the immunization status of children and adults; generate reminder/recall notices to those delinquent for age-appropriate vaccinations; assess immunization practices employed by health care providers; and examine coverage levels to identify geographic areas at high risk due to deficient immunization coverage. This policy defines provisions for how the system operates.

Authorized users are limited to sites that provide immunization services, are required to ensure that persons are immunized or are otherwise authorized by law (Nevada Revised Statute-NRS 439.265 and Nevada Administrative Code-NAC 439). Authorized users include local or state health departments, nurses, physicians, medical assistants, office managers, schools, childcare facilities, WIC programs, and health care plans. All users must safeguard the confidentiality of personal health and other information contained in these records. Privacy and use of immunization records from the registry is protected by NRS 439.265.

Participation in Nevada WebIZ is strictly voluntary. An individual may decide at any time to not participate in Nevada WebIZ. Anyone who initially decides to opt-out may choose to participate at a later time. An individual who chooses to opt-out may do so by completing the Opt-out Form found on the WebIZ website or by contacting Nevada WebIZ. Consenting to have a record in the registry means that personally identifiable information and data describing immunizations will be entered into the system.

All enrolled sites must maintain the highest possible degree of system security. Users must maintain a password for personal access only and must not share it with others. When leaving the workstation, users must log-off from Nevada WebIZ and always maintain confidentiality of patient information obtained as required by law of all medical information. Users must notify WebIZ staff if they are leaving their employment or if their duties change so that they no longer require access to WebIZ.

All users of the Nevada Immunization Registry, WebIZ, must read and sign the Nevada WebIZ User Confidentiality Agreement.